

Appl. No. 10/664,231  
Amdt. dated March 8, 2004  
Reply to Office action of February 23, 2004

### REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the February 23, 2004 office action. Applicant has currently elected to pursue Claims 1-17 (Group I), reserving prosecution of the remaining claims for possible divisional applications.

The non-elected claims (18-40) are cancelled by the instant amendment.

Also enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449, along with fifteen additional references.

Patentee respectfully requests that the elected claims be passed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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